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C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 2559

E.O. 11652 GDS
TAGS: MASS, GT, US
SUBJ: AMMUNITION FOR GUATEMALA

REF: 76 GUATEMALA 7101 (DTG 131909Z OCT 76)

1. GUATEMALAN ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF BG CANCINOS, ACTING FOR PRESIDENT LAUGERUD, ASKED MILGP COMMANDER YESTERDAY TO EXPEDITE LETTER OF OFFER FOR CASH SALE OF FIVE MILLION ROUNDS OF 5.56 AMMUNITION FOR NEW ISRAELI GALIL RIFLES. GEN CANCINOS CONFIRMED THAT AMMUNITION PURCHASED FROM TAIWAN WAS DEFECTIVE AND HAD BEEN RETURNED, LEAVING PRESIDENT IN AN EMBARRASSING POSITION WITH THE ARMY SINCE DECISION TO BUY FROM CHINESE HAD BEEN HIS.

2. EMB SUPPORTS REQUEST. EVEN CONSIDERING OTHER REPORTED PLANS TO PURCHASE SOME AMMUNITION IN EUROPE, QUANTITIES INVOLVED ARE NOT EXCESSIVE IN VIEW OF FACT THAT ENTIRE ARMY IS BEING EQUIPPED WITH THE NEW RIFLE AND SOLDIERS MUST BE TRAINED.

3. REQUEST PRICE AND AVAILABILITY INFORMATION BY RETURN MESSAGE. IMPACT WOULD BE ENHANCED IF SUBSEQUENT LETTER OF OFFER COULD BE MAILED TO USMILGP HERE FOR CONTRACT SIGNING.

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